

# MINUTES OF MORAY FIRTH CYCLING CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON 3 SEPTEMBER 2012

## PRESENT:

- **Committee Members:** Kenny Riddle(Chairman),John Mclean (Treasurer), Carole Wells (Secretary)
- **Members:** Jim Davidson, Mel Fowler, Gregor Grant, Jill Kerr, Phil Lee, Alf Leslie, John Mclean, Lewis MacFarlane, Ian MacFarlane,Innes McRichie, Ian Morrison, Anne Murray, Brian Pirie, Phil Richmond, Sandy Roger Neil Sharpe. David Steele, Rick Wells.
- **In attendance:** Sophie Warburton, Development Officer

**APOLOGIES:** Donnie Bruce, Lee Craigie, Graham Doig, Julian Innes, Willie Macleod, Laura Nicholson, Penny Phillips.

The **MINUTES OF THE 2011 AGM** have been on the website for several months and were taken as read.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** The Chairman reflected on the past year's achievements. We have the highest number of members ever (65 now), and a consistently large number turning up for club runs and the chain gang. We have also set up some new ventures: our fortnightly criterium at Muir of Ord was well supported. Laura Nicholson (and others) have become more involved in encouraging youths into sport through the 'Go Ride'scheme, and we now have club hoodies and t/shirts. The club TT10 ran all season, with many thanks to John Maclean, Brian Pirie, Jim Davidson and Alf Leslie for organising that. We hosted numerous events, all of which went smoothly thanks to the Members and our supporters giving up their time. The Moray Firth Stage Race was also a great success again, and created a bit of a buzz down south. On the racing scene we had a very good season. Members representing GB included Lee Craiggie who picked up the British Series and was competing in the Worlds. Gregor Grant and Ann Murray picked up some great results in the XC British Series, with Grigor travelling to Rio for the Veterans XC. Other Club members travelled south picking up some outstanding performances including Michael Henderson winning the Nick Hardy Stage Race, Kenny Riddle the Vets Championships, Laura Nicholson and Penny Phillips and Ann Murray sliver in the Team Time Trial and the Club also came 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Falkirk team Race. Thanks to all everyone, Members and supporters, who've played an active role in the club throughout the year, and a special mention to Donnie Mackay for sharing his excellent photos from various events.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer tabled a report showing the income and expenditure. The balance at the end of the year was £3367.17. It was noted that some members had yet to claim for the attendance at national events and these would be reimbursed in the coming month. As there was no suggestion at the meeting that this gesture of appreciation to reimburse Club riders the costs of entry fees into national events (providing they ride the event) should stop, it will be continued for another year. Members could reclaim their entry fees at any time after the event, but these have to be claimed before the end of the year (1 September 2013). *Action: If members have any suggestions for worthwhile investments please let Alf Leslie know. Any decisions about expenditure is delegated to the Club Committee.*

**CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES:** There would be no change to the fee structure which is as follows: The fees are £20 per year. Any child attending school will not be charged for their membership (there is no requirement for the parent to be a member).

**CLUB COMMITTEE:** the following office Bearers were (proposed, seconded and) appointed from 4 September 2012 to the next AGM in 2013:

- Chairman: Neil Sharpe
- Treasurer and Membership Secretary: Alf Leslie
- Secretary: Carole Wells
- Club Captain: Kenny Riddle

Members thanked the outgoing Treasurer, John Maclean, for his many years of service to the Club.

Whilst office bearers are appointment each year, it was agreed that 3 years should be the maximum length of continuous service in any one position.

The following people agreed to carry out other roles:

- **Web support team:** Graham Doig, Laura Nicholson, Fraser MacBeath
- **Child Protection Officer:** Hector Nicholson would be the nominated the Officer. Alf Leslie had been on a training course (not yet 'cleared') and Julian Innes had volunteered to go through 'clearing', so both could offer support.
- **Commissionaires:** Alf Leslie and John Mclean were currently going through training, & Phil Lee was interested in doing the course.
- **Timekeepers:** Brian Pirie.
- **Qualified coaches:** Laura Nicholson and Penny. Kenny Riddle, James Miller, and Neil Sharpe were interested in doing the course.
- **Qualified First Aiders:** Alf Leslie, Eric Davidson, Kenny Riddle, Mel Fowler, Brian Pirie.

The Club is very grateful to everyone for giving up their time to do these things for us.

*Actions: i. Sophie to forward details of the coaching course being held in the Highlands soon. ii. If anyone else would like to attend a coaching, commissionaires or timekeeping course please contact Carole. iii. First Aiders needing to go on the refresher course to make the necessary arrangements.*

It was noted that the web support team will be reviewing the site and looking at how the webpages can be improved in the coming year.

**REGIONAL AND CLUB DEVELOPMENT:** Scottish Clubs Regional Development officer, Sophie Warburton, explained her aspirations for the coming year. She encouraged us to draw up a development plan for the club, gave us some background on the various courses that were going to be held in the Highlands and in the central belt, and explained the work she was doing with the active Schools coordinators to encourage youth development. Sophie said she was looking for suitable closed roads circuits for youth racing and welcomed any suggesting. She also gave us an update on the aspirations for a velodrome at the new UHI campus.

Members discussed the **aims and aspirations** for the club, which will inform the drafting of a development plan. *Action: The Club Committee to work with Sophie Warburton to draft a development plan, for circulation to Members for comment.*

## **CLUB EVENTS:**

The programme for the coming year:

All year round:

- Every Sunday Club runs: 9am at the car park below Inverness Castle.

Seasonal:

- Monday: Recovery run/new riders: 6pm at the car park below Inverness Castle
- Every Tuesday: Club 10 mile Time Trial league, 7.30 pm start, at Moy (by campsite)
- Alternate weeks on a day to be decided (ideally not to clash with the TT): criterium at Black Isle showground
- Thursdays: 6.15pm , earlier (6pm) when the darker nights arrive.
- Spinning 1 hr: from 1 October: 6.45pm ready to go, having set up your turbo. In Drakies Hall.
- Hill training: tbc

Kenny Riddle, as the new Club Captain, offered to organise the groups for the chain gang on Thursday nights and the routes/groups for Sunday runs. From November, he'll post the routes for Sunday runs onto the club website (by the preceding Thursday night).

The Captain was also keen to talk with Members about their aspirations and help to encourage riders to develop their skills and fitness, as well as setting up training runs for people planning to race next season.

*Action: Members asked Kenny put the details on the website so all Members will be aware of what's happening.*

Next year, the Club TT will be run every week. Whilst there had been a small core number of regular people and others who dropped in and out, we need to swell the numbers taking part next year to make it worthwhile. Unfortunately we can't find a route closer to Inverness so it would still be at Moy (an excellent course if a little further to get to) but having it every week at a slightly later start time should hopefully help people make it along. So folks, please support it next year – it's very much a case of use it or lose it!

We also hope to include a 5mile youth short TT on Tuesdays (it depends on whether youths are allowed to take part on open roads).

The criterium was quite well supported particularly early on in the season. Kenny will see if it can be held on a different day to the Club TT.

**Action:**

- i. John Maclean and Laura Nicholson to set up Club spinning, noting the new start time.*
- ii. Everyone to note change the change in start time for next years Club10 TT. Please come along next year – use it or lose it!*
- iii. John Mclean to confirm whether youths can take part in the club league TT on open roads.*
- iv. Kenny to investigate options for next year's Criterium, hopefully to avoid a clash with the Club TT.*
- v. Kenny to arrange training for people planning to race and post details to the website.*
- vi. From 1 November, Kenny to post routes for Sunday Club runs to the website by Thursday.*
- vii. Carole to speak to Hector Nicholson about hill training.*
- viii. The Club Captain is keen to hear from Members about their aspirations and if he can help with development, training etc, so please feel free to call him.*

## **MFCC RACES and organisers**

Many thanks, again, to everyone who helped at Club events this past year – to the organisers, marshalls, people who made the refreshments and also to Donnie Mackay for his splendid array of photos.

John Mclean and Alf Leslie were attending the NoSCA race meeting in September 2012, when we'll be proposing that the club will run the following events in the coming year:

- Club 10TT – Graham Doig
- APR – Kenny Riddle
- 2 up – Neil Sharpe
- Garve Single TT25 in Munloch – Chris Goddard
- Hill climb – Bealach – Alf Leslie
- Women only race – in June – Hector Nicholson (tbc)

We would also like to run the 2 day Stage Race but this needs a lot of support. Phil Lee offered to organise it subject to getting enough other people to help run the event. *Action: If you're able to help organise the Stage Race please contact the Club Committee.*

We discussed the shortfall in volunteers to organise and marshall at events, which placed some events in jeopardy. Those at the AGM strongly supported setting up a rota system for all club members to take a turn helping out.

## **SOCIAL EVENTS**

Members were keen to have some club social events. These included coordinating a trip to Mallorca for training in the spring, an autumn run to Aviemore (overnight with dinner), and going out for dinner in the new year. There may also be a club run in October starting in Tongue.

*Action: Carole Wells will look into all of these.*

Graham Doig had been approached by a chap who wanted to organise an electric bike race.

*Action: Please let Graham Doig know if you have any suggestions for a suitable circuit.*

The secretary queried the need to record accidents and reflect on lessons learned arising at non-formal events such as club runs and the chain gang. Some members thought there was no formal requirement, although it may be best practice to do so. *Action: Committee to make some more enquiries about this.* It

was noted that Members had been advised that the club did not provide 3<sup>rd</sup> party insurance cover for informal club events, and that there were benefits to Members taking out their own insurance. Details were on the website.

**RACING LICENCES:** Not all members were aware that if they say they are members of MFCC, the British Cycling Federation posts their licence to the Club Secretary, who then waits until there is a batch of licences before dropping them off to the Bikes of Inverness for collection. The Secretary puts a note on website of all the licences taken to the bike shop. Members can contact the Secretary at any time to find out where their licence might be at a given time. *Action: i. Carole to put a note to on the top of the website to explain how licences were dealt with. ii. Sophie Warburton to contact BCF to discuss whether the practice of sending licences to the secretary was really necessary and if it could be changed to posting licences directly.*

*The Chairman thanked everyone for coming along to the meeting.*

*Drafted by Carole Wells, Club Secretary. 10Sept2012*